

## Win Postponement Of Plan For School Site in Rosemont

### Fiery Remarks Passed At Four-Hour Hearing In Lower Merion

After a stormy four-hour session Monday night, Rosemont residents won a month's postponement of the Lower Merion School Board's plan to buy a 17-acre future school site near their homes.

The second public hearing for Rosemont residents was held in the school district's Administration building at Ardmore. Out of the 53 residents who attended, 48 were opposed to purchase of the land on Airdale Rd. near Old Gulph Rd.

Speaking for those who opposed the purchase Albert Ward, an attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad and a home owner in Rosemont, presented a petition bearing 170 signatures.

"All," he said, "are very much opposed, because they think that the investment would be a burden on taxpayers. They believe that the land should not be purchased and the school should not be built."

Before the hearing had proceeded very far, questioning of the residents brought out that since their last public hearing the School Board had held a special meeting to reaffirm their original position.

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## Comfort Endorses Dumbarton Oaks

### Women Voters League Hears State Dept. Official Speak

Dr. W. W. Comfort, President of Haverford College, presiding at a meeting on the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals declared before a Main Line audience that filled the Haverford Friends Meeting House on Saturday evening, February 17:

"An international organization such as that outlined in the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals should have the support of all people interested in the maintenance of peace and security. And I believe the Proposals furnish a reasonable and hopeful basis for achieving the charter of such an organization."

The Haverford Township League of Women Voters and the Main Line Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom cooperated with the Haverford Friends Meeting in sponsoring the open community meeting with Dr. Benjamin Gerig as the chief speaker of the evening.

Dr. Gerig, who is Associate Chief of the Division of International Organization of the Department of State and technical adviser to the United States Delegation to the Dumbarton Oaks Conversations, said that the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals had received a very wide and encouraging support as the basis for drafting the Charter of the permanent United Nations organization. He enumerated six points which he thought would be necessary to make the organization effective:

- (1) the unity of the principal United Nations must be maintained;
- (2) responsibility must be placed on the shoulders of the Organization;
- (3) the Organization must be able to act swiftly;
- (4) it must be able to act in the early stages of any threatening dispute;
- (5) provision must be made for long-range construction of the Organization in the economic and social field; and
- (6) the principles of the Organization must appeal to the peoples' sense of justice and morality.

Dr. Gerig said that these Dumbarton Oaks Proposals should be regarded as the minimum requirements for a beginning rather than as a fully completed plan.

## 1945 Essay Contest For High Schools

Pennsylvania students and classes will participate in the 1945 essay contest for Negro high school and college students conducted by the National Tuberculosis Association.

In the National judging cash prizes are offered in addition to medals, plaques and books. In the high school contest first prize is a scholarship. In the state wide judging two cash prizes are offered also by the Pennsylvania Tuberculosis Association for the best essays in the high schools and college groups.

A choice of subjects is offered to the high school groups, the first being individual or class essays on "What Do People Really Know About T. B.?" or "T. B. Information Please." Other projects are group or class essays on a "Tuberculosis Day" program and individual essays on "How the Tuberculosis Society is now working to control the disease."

### Reported Killed

Word has been received from Washington by Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly of River Road that their son, Pfc. George Kelly, who was reported missing for the second time on December 27, is now reported killed in Germany. Details have not yet been received by his parents.

## "News Letter" Now Goes To 2350 In Armed Services

The News Letter, published by the Lower Merion School Board, is now being sent to 2350 former Lower Merion High School students now in the armed services.

Of Lower Merion students in the service 46 men have been killed or lost, 9 are prisoners of war, 22 are reported as missing in action and 77 have been discharged from the service.

Copies of the News Letter are being sent to 66 persons in the service who did not attend Lower Merion but have requested the publication.

For folks at home the News Letter is also being published in the Bala-Cynwyd Merion News, The Main Line of Ardmore and Our Town of Narberth.

The News Letter is being edited and supervised by A. S. Benner and other members of the faculty who have volunteered for this service. In the News Letter Henry S. Africa, writes "Along the Main Line," Russell S. McGrath "Sports," Mrs. Hazel Palmer Young "News of Your School," while Benner handles "From the Editor's Mail Bag."

## Annexation Danger Seen In New Bill

### Would Allow Phila. To Take Over Land In Suburbs

A potential threat to the geographical integrity of Lower Merion Township and other Montgomery County townships bordering Philadelphia is seen by County Commissioners Foster C. Hill, Fred C. Peters and Raymond K. Mensch in a bill introduced recently at Harrisburg.

Under the terms of this Bill, any part of a township bordering Philadelphia and owned by the City may be annexed to Philadelphia by passage of an ordinance by the Philadelphia City Council.

While it is understood that the bill was introduced to pave the way for the inclusion of the area around Philadelphia Airport, part of which lies in Tinticum Township, Delaware County, within the City limits, attorneys who have studied the bill point out that it might be annexed to any other parts of Delaware or Montgomery Counties, providing such parts were owned by the City.

The bill was referred to the Committee on City and County Affairs, whose chairman is Thomas H. Lee, 1 Iothian Place, Roxborough.

While the bill refers to "cities of the first class," the provisions established can only be utilized in the event of its passage, by Philadelphia since it is the only first class city in the State.

Annexation proposals whereby Philadelphia could take over part of the wealthy and well governed suburban territory have popped up periodically in the Legislature, the last being in 1941 when a measure was introduced which provided for the annexation of a majority of all votes cast favored the union. By predominance of numbers, Philadelphia could have swung such an election over Montgomery or Delaware County opposition.

At that time many residents, organizations and officials of both Montgomery and Delaware Counties expressed their deep opposition to any such measure.

## Need More Gas To Keep Buses Going

### School Board Points Out Difficulties of Travel on Icy Roads

The Lower Merion School Board may have to temporarily shut down some of its buses in the coming winter unless the Ardmore Ration Board allows the School District more gasoline.

Travel over snow and ice covered roads and use of chains has consumed more gasoline, Superintendent of Schools F. A. Dubois told the School Board Monday night.

If necessary the School Board instructed the superintendent to file a supplementary application for gasoline.

"It takes more gasoline to operate buses when the roads are covered with snow and ice and when chains have to be used," reported Dubois. "Our buses frequently slip off the roads and had a number of broken parts."

In order to keep the school transportation system in operation the School Board had to call upon Red Arrow Lines to furnish them with buses and drivers while school buses were being repaired.

During the stormiest period of the year Superintendent Dubois said that some of the buses in the outlying sections had to be skipped because it was impossible to reach them. At present he said that all but one bus with a broken spring was operating.

The School Board has obtained an extra allowance of gasoline from the Ration Board to use a station wagon in picking up dirty towels and delivering them to the laundry. Both the Ardmore and Red Arrow Lines were unable to provide the pick-up and delivery service.

## NARBERTH FLIER'S BABY WAITS WITH MOTHER



BETTY ANN O'SULLIVAN is getting acquainted with a picture of her father whom she's never seen. Lt. Walter R. O'Sullivan, Jr., ex-prisoner of war of the Germans, now on his way home aboard the Gripsholm. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Sullivan, holds Betty Ann.

## Lt. O'Sullivan Coming Home; Wounded Flier Is On Gripsholm

### His Wife and the Nine-Months-Old Daughter He's Never Seen Are Waiting For Him at Their Narberth Home.

When 2nd Lt. Walter R. O'Sullivan, Jr., 23, gets back to 4 Iona Ave., Narberth, he'll find "something new has been added."

The "something new" is Betty Ann O'Sullivan, nine months old, who was born last May 23, just five days after her father, a fighter-pilot on a Mustang, was reported missing over Berlin.

Five months later, her mother, Elizabeth, 21, was notified that Lt. O'Sullivan was a prisoner of war. Now he is on his way to Narberth.

He is one of 24 exchanges from this area, former war prisoners in Germany, who are being returned home on the exchange ship Gripsholm, due to arrive in the United States sometime this week.

## E. A. Clarke Office Now In Merion

E. A. Clarke, member of the Main Line Real Estate Board, is now located permanently at 719 Montgomery Ave., Merion.

Clarke has set up an organization to handle homes, ground or investment problems.

He also heads his own advertising business, E. A. Clarke Co. in Philadelphia. To quote Clarke:

"There is quite a difference in selling homes; for hardware, automobiles, steel pipe, etc. can be sold, but you can't sell homes. You can explain the details, construction, location, costs, etc. and your client like it—a home must appeal before it is purchased."

At the Tuesday meeting of the P. M. daily and for the convenience of those who work in Philadelphia from 7 to 9 P. M., Monday evenings.

## Red Cross Asked to Fill Book Request

Between now and Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Red Cross Chapter and Hospital Committee hopes to fill a request for 2,500 books. These books are to be shipped to India at once for distribution by the Red Cross to patients in military hospitals.

The Committee asks that the books be selected with care—books that you would like to read—and they must be in good condition.

Bring the books to the Red Cross Headquarters in Ardmore on or before February 27.

## Need Washington-Lincoln Heritage to Temper Nation's Rise to World Power

"The surest safeguard against the abuse of world power is the preservation of the heritage of Washington and Lincoln," declared Dr. J. Dunan Spaeth at a meeting of the Lower Merion-Narberth Council of Republican Women Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Earle Hepburn, Merion.

## Offer Engineering Scholarship For High Students

High school and preparatory school students in Delaware and Montgomery counties are eligible to compete for a scholarship granting free tuition at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., oldest engineering and science school in the country. The scholarship is awarded through the Philadelphia Chapter of the Rensselaer Alumni Association, and is the equivalent of \$1,000 in cash.

Students candidates should be nominated by the principals of the schools they attend. Nominations are based on scholastic achievement and qualities of leadership.

Nomination blanks may be obtained through Ralph Earle, 1128 Real Estate Trust Building, Philadelphia, who is chairman.

## Release Local Man From Jap Prison

### Maj. C. A. McLaughlin Held For 2 Years; Said To Be Well

Major Charles A. McLaughlin, of 205 Lantwyn Lane, Narberth, was one of the prisoners released from Bilid prison camp in the Philippines by United States troops on February 5 and 6. He had been interned for more than two years.

Major McLaughlin's wife, May, was visiting at Longport, N. J., when the War Department telegram announcing her husband's rescue arrived at their Narberth home at 6:30 A. M. Sunday.

The message was received by Mrs. McLaughlin's sister, Mrs. Sarah Hansell, who immediately telephoned the officer's wife.

Overjoyed at the news, Mrs. McLaughlin said it was the first official word she had received about her husband's safety since the War Department notified her in December, 1942, that he was a prisoner.

Mrs. McLaughlin added that she had been writing to the major constantly, but the two or three cards he had written in the last year indicated he had not received her letters.

About two weeks ago, she said she received a post card from the Japanese government stating that her husband was a Prisoner Camp No. 2, and that his condition was fair.

The word "fair" on the card, Mrs. McLaughlin said, was understood.

Major McLaughlin, an infantry officer, formerly was a mechanical engineer with the SKF Industries, Front St. and Erie Ave., Philadelphia. He is a veteran of the First World War, in which he enlisted as a private.

He was a first lieutenant at the close of the war, and held a captain's commission in the Army Reserve for 16 years. He was called back to active duty in April, 1941, and for a while was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., then was transferred to Fort Stotsenburg in the Philippines.

Edward N. Carter, boatswain's mate class, is serving with the Navy in the Pacific.

## 10 Objectives Of Main Line Kiwanis

### Want to Win War And Then Build For Peace

Basing its community service program for the coming year on 10 far-reaching objectives, the Main Line Kiwanis Club announced this week that "Win the War—Build for Peace" would be its administrative theme for 1945.

A. J. Leonard, president of the Main Line Club, said these objectives were:

1. Hasten total victory—accelerate war services.
2. Exert our influence to establish and maintain world peace.
3. Enlist every Kiwanian in a club or community project for service to returning veterans.
4. Co-operate in community post-war employment problems.
5. Promote understanding and cooperation among social and economic groups as essential to national unity.
6. Fulfill citizenship obligations.
7. Intensify Kiwanis youth services—build future citizens.
8. Further the friendship between Canada and the United States as a world example for international good will.
9. Work to preserve freedom of opportunity for all.
10. Stress spiritual values as vital to human progress and make it part of the district program for 1945.

## Major Tells Rosemont Girl of Miracles Wrought by Blood Plasma in Hospitals

The following excerpt is from a letter received by Dorothy Rovers, 45 Rosemont College, from her cousin, Major Eugene A. Murphy, now in the Philippines.

"Dot, I wish you and the rest of the good folks who donate blood to the Red Cross could spend a day at that hospital. It would make you feel good and warm inside if you could just see the miracles wrought by that precious red fluid. Let's take just one case."

A young kid was brought in with almost his whole chest blown away by a bomb blast. When I saw him I thought he was dead. He was on the operating table four hours while the doctor picked pieces of steel and dirt and grass out of his chest, and even though they were pouring blood into him, he was losing it faster than I could pump it into his veins. Three times, he stopped breathing and the doc had to push on his exposed lungs to get him started again.

At last he was bandaged up and

## 4 Councilmen Terms To Expire This Year

### Opening Date for Filing Petitions Is Only Two Weeks Away; Magistrate And Burgess Also Have To Stand for Election

Narberth Borough Republican leaders and those who seek office or seek to repeat themselves in office are beginning to talk things over.

Even though the 1945 primary, which by election schedule was to have been held in September, has been moved back to June to accommodate the overseas soldiers the political machinery starts rolling in a couple of weeks.

March 10 is the first date on which nomination petitions can be filed and the deadline is April 9. State Republicans and Democrats in a bipartisan agreement have set June 19 for the primary. All borough and county officials who want to set in the race either for Republican or Democratic nominations must be signed petitions in between March 10 and April 9. After that they will have until April 16 to withdraw their petitions, if they don't like the looks of the contest.

The terms of four members of the Borough Council expire this year. They are Roland Flier, the Council president, Henry Carr, Walter A. Fox and Louis A. Young.

Terms also expire for Richard L. Miller, Burgess; John R. Hall, tax collector; and John A. Wower, auditor.

On the Narberth School Board the terms of J. L. McCreary and Carl Wehman expire.

Vincent Colelli, magistrate, also will have to stand for election if he wants to continue in office.

In addition each of the Borough's three election districts must select a judge of elections and a minority and majority election inspector.

## 2nd Lt. Kennedy Freed From Prison

### Liberated From Nazi Camp Near Danzig In Recent Action

Second Lieutenant Gibson B. Kennedy, of Wynnewood, grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Gibson Bell, 529 Manor Rd., Wynnewood, was one of three local men who were released by the Russian Army from a German prison camp, South of Danzig, in the recent battles.

Lt. Kennedy, 24, was reported missing in France on D-Day. Almost two months later, his grandparents were notified that he was a prisoner of war.

A graduate of Haverford University, Lt. Kennedy was a member of the First City Troop when he entered the service in 1941. In November, 1943, he went overseas, and while there, he requested a transfer from the Engineers to the Paratroopers. He went into action with the first group of paratroopers on D-Day.

Two brothers, Captain Samuel B. Kennedy and Lt. H. Edward Kennedy, are also in the service.

## May Have to Close One or Two Schools For Want of Coal

Possibility that one or two elementary schools might be closed temporarily because of fuel shortage was discussed at a meeting of the Lower Merion School Board Monday night.

Superintendent of Schools Frank A. DuBois told the school directors:

"The outlook in the coal situation at the three schools where we burn coal is a little uncertain. So far the dealers have seemed to cooperate to the best of their ability to furnish small quantities of coal at frequent intervals in order that our schools may be kept open. There have been times when we had as little as three days supply on hand and there seemed to be some indication that we might have to close one or two of the schools."

## Kellett Opens New Plant in Primos

Kellett Aircraft Corporation, engaged in the manufacture of aircraft parts and engine development, has opened a new plant in Philadelphia at Primos, Pa., to permit expansion and consolidation of its operations.

"Looking for a Bluebird" by Joseph Wechsberg. Joseph Wechsberg has written his confessions as a member of the family of the famous international handymen.

"Miss Dilly Says No" by Theodore Pratt—A story of Hollywood by the author of "Mr. Winkle Goes to War."

"Yosemite Hospital" by Helen Athon—Miss Ashton served as a nurse in First World War, and has used her medical background in much of her writings.

"Poor Child" by Anne Parrish. This is her first book since 1941, and is undeniably one of her finest.

"The Middle Mist" by Mary Renault. A skillful modern novel of human relationships, a provocative and subtle in its humor, liberally sprinkled with irony.

Mystery—"Death Knell" by Baynard Kendrick—"Wings of Fear" by Mignon Eberhart—"Orphans to Murder" by Hubert Footner—"The Jade Venus" by George Harmon Cox.

Services Held For Edward Merkel, Sr.

## Casualty List

KILLED  
Pvt. George M. Peters, 26, husband of Mrs. Helen Dross Peters, 205 Elm Terrace, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peters, Hampden and Woodbine Aves., Narberth, in France, Feb. 5. Pvt. Peters trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., and had been overseas one month. He is survived by a son, George M. Peters, Jr., two,



## OUR TOWN

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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## First Church of Christ Scientist

Lanwood and Athens Aves., Ardmore.

SUNDAY

11:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

1:00 P. M.—Morning Worship.

3:00 P. M.—Afternoon Service.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 P. M.—Evening meeting.

Reading room at 8 Rittenhouse Place

is open week-days from 9:30 A. M.

to 5:00 P. M. and Sunday from 1 to 2:45

P. M. and Wednesday evening 9 to 9:45

P. M.

Narberth Presbyterian Church

Windsor and Grayline Aves.

Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland, Pastor.

SUNDAY

9:45 A. M.—Sunday Bible School.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.

1:00 P. M.—Junior Christian Endeavor.

3:00 P. M.—Vesper Service.

7:30 P. M.—Senior Christian Endeavor.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 P. M.—Prayer Meeting.

Merion Friends Meeting

Montgomery Ave. and Meeting House

Lane, Merion.

SUNDAY

10:00 A. M.—First Day (Sunday) School.

11:00 A. M.—Meeting for Worship.

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decision to buy the school site.

The resolution passed at the special

meeting was twofold, inasmuch as they

added settlement would be proceeded unless another

alternative site was offered at the same price an acre.

The land is being purchased through A. D. Warnock, as agent

for the School Board, for \$30,000. Land in that vicinity has been

selling for \$3,000 an acre upwards. Two-thirds of the 17-acre tract

is owned by the Girard Trust Company and Pennsylvania Company under a trusteeship and the other third by the Smithsonian

Institute of Washington, D. C. More than an hour at the time the School Board gave to Rosemont residents was taken up in reading a lengthy planning report.

Philip U. Koopman, assistant superintendent of schools, and the report of the committee on how, by computing the statistical population and school attendance growth in the next 26 years, the School Board had arrived at its decision to buy land and build in Rosemont.

This did not seem to satisfy the residents because at one point in the discussion E. E. Burlingame, president of the board, asked:

"Are you satisfied the School Board has made diligent effort to find out what is needed?"

The answer was a chorus of "noes" from the residents.

Later on, several of the numerous speakers expressed their confidence in the Lower Merion school system but added that the school directors had picked the wrong site in Rosemont for a school.

At times the discussion was not confined to the Rosemont school site but touched upon such things as the school and township tax rates, assessed valuation, property taxation costs, the reliability and necessity for planning ahead as far as 1970, alleged "clandestine" and secret sessions of the school board, the next economic depression and further "wild" things which "P. E. Burlingame" in Washington might have in store.

Several of the verbal passes made by the residents drew sharp retorts from Burlingame. Other members of the School Board and Frank A. Dubois, superintendent of schools.

The remarks about secret board meetings and real estate negotiations nettled Burlingame.

He dubbed the "false" and "malicious."

One of the residents wanted a rising vote on the school site but William Decker, School Board member, said this wouldn't be fair as only the opposition turned out for the meeting.

He countered with the suggestion to hold a Rosemont community poll but the idea petered out in the discussion which followed.

When the discussion became bitter in spots it looked as though the residents would go away empty-handed.

Finally it was the conciliatory words of Dr. Joseph E. Sands, who explained he was the only school director to vote against the resolution because he lived in Rosemont, that smoothed down the feelings of the other directors and residents. He stated that he believed they would all get further if a small group of residents talked it over quietly with the school board.

It was School Director John W. Hornsey, Jr., who made the resolution to postpone school board action and give residents the chance to discuss the matter again at the March meeting. In the meantime, the School Board agreed not to make settlement on the property.

## Letter to the Editor

February 13, 1945

Dear Editor:

Your excellent editorial "Schools Give Property Its Value" brings out a truth which is often lost sight of. But you should have gone into the matter a little deeper and have shown just what property gets the value which schools and other public services (police and fire departments, streets, sewers, etc.) confer. We usually think that real estate gets it but real estate consists of two things—land and improvements—and only the first named of these gets this value. Buildings, since they depend for their value on the cost of reproduction, get none of it—it all goes to the land. A vacant lot of equal size next to an improved lot, gets just as much

## Narberth Methodist Church

Essex and Price Avenues, Minister, Carl Hammerly.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church

Rev. James P. Toner, Rector.

Rev. Charles P. O'Connor

Rev. Charles T. Dignan

In residence, Rev. William J. Kane

Sunday Masses—6:30, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 5:00 and 7:00

Sodality and Miraculous Medal Devotions, Tuesday evening at 8 P. M.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Woodbine and Narberth Aves.

Rev. Cletius A. Senft, Pastor.

Samuel T. Nicholas, D. D., Pastor in Charge.

SUNDAY

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.

1:00 P. M.—Junior and Senior Lutheran League.

Baptist Church of the Evangel

Narberth, Pa.

Rev. R. G. Middleton, Pastor

SUNDAY

9:45 A. M.—Church School.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Service.

## THE SPECTATOR

That business of the Bulke in Belgium was pretty tough on Bobby Rowan, whose home address continues to be Iowa Ave., but nowdays this mail is APO and he has the New York Postmaster local after it for him.

The big battle has now been concluded, and Bobby is none the worse for it, which means his mother's prayers are heard in Heaven, as our local lad was a "first scout" one of those who were ordered to prowl through the Ardennes on their way to determine exactly where the Germans were.

Not all the scouts came back to report the woods were clear, but Bobby's survival is a mission, and for that he was grateful, though he often had occasion to mourn a comrade dead.

Natural enough it was, then, to hope for a surprise of this nature, being a trail-blazer to test out the enemy, but in the Army orders are orders and a man does what he's told and no back talk.

Nevertheless, his mother kept on praying, and it can be assumed that in her orisons she was particularly mindful of a Lady who also had a Son.

Now, that same division Bobby's brother, Jerry, was also attached, a sergeant in the Field Artillery, but the two boys had never met since they left each other in Narberth, battalions being far-flung, and Bobby's Infantry was invariably miles away.

Jerry's job was plenty hard, but it was not subject to the same terrible hazards as those which tormented Bobby's daily chores, and so Jerry decided it was up to him to relieve the pressure on his younger brother.

What to do, was the question, but they do say that if Jerry had been home last month he would have been making a good living selling snow-balls on Haverford Avenue and so it was not surprising that he managed to do something.

How it happened Jerry does not say, but word from Europe is to the effect that after a stretch of Command Post duty was asked if he had a brother in the Division.

He said, that of course, he had, whereupon the staff sergeant inquired if he was a major or colonel.

"No," said Bobby. "He's a sergeant," an answer that quite bewildered the S/S for he said some quite extraordinary things and then speculated that "You're the luckiest man in the U. S. Army. You have been assigned to the Medical Corps attached to your brother's Artillery outfit and Jerry is on his way to take you back."

And almost immediately the Captain appeared and behind him, with a grin that spread from ear to ear, was Sergeant Jerry.

Probably it would be better if the details of the historic meeting

were kept a private matter . . . nor shall there be any further intrusion on the quietude of a mother's prayer, nor the gratitude which swells her heart on the news of her son's delivery from the cruellest thrusts of a fearful war.

Four Merionites, CPL. FRED DAVIS, '41, of Wynnewood, SGT. JOHN F. BLAIR, '41, of Bala-Cynwyd, T/SGT. NORMAN D. SOUTHGATE, '36, of Narberth, all members of the hard-hit 106th Infantry Division, are reported missing in action in the German break-through in Belgium in December.

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## Lower Merion High School NEWS LETTER

LT. ALPHIE J. SILVERIO (37) of Bryn Mawr, who was promoted on the battlefield in France from S/Sgt. to second lieutenant and later to first lieutenant, was hit by artillery shrapnel in Germany on December 10, 1944. He has been overseas since last April, received his training at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and Camp Atterbury, Ind., and has been in the Army since 1941.

LT. ROBERT CARROLL, U. S. A. F. (37) of Wynnewood, is in Italy. Recently he visited his brother, LT. WILLIAM CARROLL, who is in a hospital there as a result of wounds received in action.

LT. GREER HEINDEL (43), the first Merionite and the first Pennsylvanian to play on three Pennsylvania State championship teams, has moved overseas with an Ordnance Ammunition Company.

Last month THE NEW YORK TIMES and THE PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN carried a picture labeled "Heroism in the Raw on a Carrier Deck," which showed LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WALTER L. CHEWING, JR. (32) of Cynwyd, climbing aboard a flaming plane to free the pilot, who was wedged in the cockpit after a crash landing on the U. S. S. Enterprise. Walt was promoted on the spot from lieutenant and also awarded a medal.

MAJOR DONALD W. LOVE, JR., U. S. M. C. (38) of Wynnewood has been awarded the Bronze Star in the Pacific area.

The Combat Infantryman Badge has been presented to S/SGT. JAMES F. BRENNAN (41) of Ardmore.

PFC. JOHN J. GALLAGHER of the Class of '42 was wounded on Leyte Island in December, 1944.

LONDON BAKER (40) has finished his training at Michigan City, Ind., and been assigned to Bliss Electrical School, Tacoma Park, Md.

LT. (j. k.) ROBERT JOHN GRAHAM (39), one of the 13 Lower Merion Flying Bulldogs, is reported missing in action in the South Pacific Jan. 19, 1945.

PFC. WILLIAM F. GIBSON (43) was wounded in Germany November 9, 1944.

CAPT. RAYMOND L. WATROUS, JR. (38) of Narberth, arrived home about the middle of January from Honolulu on a 21-day leave, the first he has had since entering the service in 1942. He was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania as a result of his work with the R. O. T. C. He left for the Cook Islands in the South Pacific in August, 1942, where he was assigned to road and airfield building. A year later he was transferred to Honolulu.

CLINTON MELLOR (33) has been promoted to corporal at an Air Transport Command base in India. He has served in the division since last June and is an air transport technician.

SGT. DOMINIC POLILLI (33) who hit Anzio on D-Day with the engineers of the Fifth Army and stayed on the firing line for 45 days, is now with the Sixth Army in France.

JACK T. SHAWDE (43) of Ardmore was commissioned a second lieutenant at Ellington Field, Texas, recently. He attended M. I. T. from June, 1943, to Feb., 1944, and was a member of the R. O. T. C. there.

T/SGT. ROBERT D. EZICKSON, U. S. M. C. R. (42) of Merion was home in January after serving 18 months in the South Pacific with the First and Second Marine Air Wings. He did administrative work and also served with the intelligence of the Air Wings.

LT. RALPH K. ROLLINS (42), pilot of a Flying Fortress, made his crew were returning from a mission. Three engines were gone and his first parachute jump over France a short while ago. Ralph and the ship was in poor condition when



# Miss Kates Weds Capt. H. M. Molony Ceremony Held Feb. 17; Couple to Live In Kentucky

Miss Katharine Dorothea Kates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kates, of 316 David Rd., Llanerch, became the bride of Captain H. Martin Molony, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin Molony, of New Orleans, La., formerly of Cynwyd, Pa., at a lovely wedding Saturday afternoon at 4 P. M. in St. George's Church, Ardmore. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frederick E. Seymour, vicar of the church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin with bertha of family lace around the sweetheart neckline, lace edging the long sleeves and full skirt ending in a long train. Her finger-tip length veil of tulle fell from a crown of family lace and she carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids and freesia.

Miss Alice Louise Rommell, of Glenside, served as maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Marion McCadden, of Ridley Park, and Miss Peggy Molony, of New Orleans, sister of the groom. They were gowned alike in frocks of pale blue tulle with sweetheart necklines, bracelet length sleeves and full skirts with bustle backs. They carried cascade bouquets of red roses with matching roses in their hair.

Mrs. Charles Kates, mother of the bride, wore a dinner gown of fuchsia crepe with yoke of sequins, a purple ostrich feather hat and a corsage of brown orchids. The groom's mother, Mrs. J. Martin Molony, chose a dinner gown of aqua crepe with matching hat and a corsage of purple orchids.

Mr. J. Martin Molony was best man for his son and the ushers were Sergeant Charles H. Chambers, USAF, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Robert Hayes, of Cynwyd; Private First Class Arthur Denman, ASP, of Narberth; Private First Class Richard Hopkins, USAF, of Cynwyd; and Charles L. Kates, Jr., of Llanerch, brother of the bride.

Miss Nancy Merris, of Brookline, was the soloist with Merton B. Frye at the console.

Following the ceremony the reception was held at the Merion Tribune house after which the couple left for a honeymoon in New York. They left yesterday to make their home in Louisville, Ky., while Captain Molony is stationed at Bowman Field, Cincinnati.

Mr. Molony is a graduate of Havard Township High School.

Captain Molony, a graduate of Lower Merion High School has been in the service for three years. He received his wings at Roswell Field, N. M., and recently returned from the European Theatre of War. He completed 54 missions as Bombardier with the Ninth Air Force and has the Purple Heart with cluster for wounds in action, the Air Medal with Cluster, and the D. F. C. with Clusters.

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## FIRESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. William Clippsham have returned from New York, and are the guests of Lt. Clippsham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clippsham, of 430 W. Merion Ave.

Mrs. Donald Beiler of Drexel Hill, entertained 25 guests, Sunday, February 18, at a surprise linen shower for Miss Jane Davis, whose marriage to Ensign Robert Odell will take place March 10 at the Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. A. J. Cliff, 130 Winchester Rd., Merion, has returned home after two weeks at Joseph Price Hospital.

Mrs. Wilbur Oaks, Centennial and Fairview Rds., Penn Valley, entertained 38 guests at luncheon and bridge on Thursday, February 16, for the benefit of the American Stomach Hospital. Aprons and bakery products were donated and sold — all proceeds given to the Hospital.

William Edward Everett, 4th, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett, 3rd and Mrs. Everett, of Narberth Hall, Narberth, was christened Saturday, February 17, in All Saints' Church, Wynnewood. The Rev. Gibson Bell, pastor of the church officiated.

Mr. William E. Everett, Jr. and Mrs. Allen S. Cuthbert, attending the ceremony were Mrs. William Everett, Jr., Mrs. William Everett, 3rd, Mrs. John Everett, and Mrs. Donald Everett, 4th. Everett was home from Jacksonville, Fla., after several months of sea duty.

Mr. Hjalmar E. Breit and Miss Elizabeth Breit, of Palmerton, Pa., were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Breit, Jr., of 503 Beechwood Lane, Narberth.

Fiss holds membership on numerous commissions and governmental bodies whose functions have a bearing on legislation. He is chairman of the Joint State Government Commission, created in 1937 to make continuing studies of the State's needs and to recommend legislation for the benefit of the Commonwealth. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Interstate Cooperation, serving on the subcommittee on taxation, uniform laws and liquor problems. He is a member of the General State Council of Defense.

The past assemblies of the Narberth Public School were as follows:

On January 5, Katharine Clark, WCAU radio commentator, told of her experiences as a young girl on the island of Corvo, in the Azores, and of her travels in Europe. Miss Clark had a very interesting talk prepared for us.

On January 12, Miss K. Green, the school physical education teacher displayed a number of ceramics which she had made. Miss Green also gave a demonstration of how they are made.

Miss Jessie Rae Taylor, an impersonator, came to us on January 17. Miss Taylor gave monologues of: An Old Colored Man, Abraham Lincoln, Mrs. Wiggs, the Cabbage Patch, Mother of Baby Face Martin, (a criminal) and Louis Pasteur.

January 26, was mid-year Honorary Day.

On February 2, there was a school rally to help increase school spirit. Doty Sent, Joan Peters and Phyllis Mariana led the pupils in the school cheers.

Mr. R. Shank, another teacher at Narberth, held a program in honor of the "Boy Scouts" 35th anniversary, on February 9.

February 16, was the day when "Pamashaska's Pets" was presented to us by Mr. Roberts. There were a number of animals, pets that were trained by Mr. Roberts to do numerous tricks and stunts.

KATHERINE BLUM, School reporter.

New Clubs Forming

The clubs for the second semester have been formed in the Narberth School. Of the music club, the chorus is the largest. It has 53 members, made up of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls and boys. Nancy Hunsicker is the secretary. In the Orchestra there are 18 members. Nancy Hunsicker is the secretary. In the Library Club has 11 members. Of the seventh and eighth grade girls, Of these, Evelyn Cain is president; Mary Jane Santini, vice-president; Ernestine Brandman, secretary; and Harry Graham, secretary. The eighth grade, Virginia Bosler is president, Harry Graham, secretary, and Hugh Annett, sergeant-at-arms.

The Safety Patrol, also working for good conduct and safety in the school, has seven members. Of these Ralph Meacham is captain, and Richard Allevett and Tom Reese are lieutenants.

The Press Club, in charge of the production of the school paper, The Sun Dial, has 16 members. In order of their positions they are as follows: Ann O'Brien, editor; Rosemary Gorman and Barbara Trimm, assistant editors; Nancy Hunsicker, home-room editor; Janet Stewart, circulation manager; Dick Souler, assistant circulation manager; Bill Peters, art editor; Dorothy Sent, exchange editor; Joan Peters, assembly reporter; Mary Tricopian, clubs reporter; Jane Hoyt, kindergarten reporter; Barbara Stoops, music reporter; Janet Stewart and Nancy Hunsicker, P. T. A. reporters; Barbara Fischer, girls' sports reporter; Harry Graham, boys' sports reporter; Katherine Blue and Jane Drennen, Main Line and local papers reporters.

Many of the clubs formerly functioning have been disbanded at this year so that all pupils may devote more time to Junior Red Cross work. The sixth grade girls, under the direction of Miss Fricke, have been doing sewing work. The sixth grade boys are doing art work for the Red Cross, under the supervision of Miss Gassner. The seventh and eighth girls are doing sewing work with Miss Taylor and Miss Fricke, to assist them. The seventh grade boys are taking a first aid course from Mrs. Gold. Mr. Cloutts is working with the eighth grade boys doing shop work for the Red Cross.

The school officer, President, Dorothy Sent; Vice-President, Diane Kilgman; Secretary, Jane Hoyt; Treasurer, Donald Meacham.

Mrs. Ledger D. Ford, of 512 Berkley Ave., Narberth, entertained at supper and bridge on Friday, February 16. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Gilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hamilton, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Isenber, Mr. and Mrs. John Pruss.

Mrs. Ford will entertain at the monthly meeting of the Philadelphia-West Suburban alliance of Delta, Delta, Delta sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. McFarren and their daughter, Dorna Louise, of Bristol, Pa., will be the weekend guests of Mrs. McFarren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Werner, of 441 Brookhurst Ave., Narberth.

Mrs. B. C. Booker, of 4 Chestnut Ave., Narberth, entertained at luncheon and bridge on Wednesday, February 21. Guests included Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. Walton Webb and Mrs. Alexander Skilton.

Mrs. Warren A. Benfield, of 439 Brookhurst Ave., Narberth, entertained the bridge group of the Narberth Junior Woman's Club at her home February 15.

Mrs. Ann Hartman was assistant hostess.

Mrs. Sonia A. Hepburn, of 308 Narberth Hall, Narberth; Jules Aaronson, of 415 Montgomery Ave., Merion, and Thomas Orden, of Morris and Clothier Rds., Wynnewood, are among the new students enrolled at Temple University.

Miss Ruth Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Cooke, of 201 Lantown Lane, Narberth, will enter Bucknell University in March. She is enrolled in the commerce and finance course.

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## Narberth Girl Scouts In Exhibition

To Demonstrate First Aid at Affair to Be Held Feb. 24

Girl Scouts of Philadelphia will present a comprehensive demonstration of the activities included in their 10 program fields, Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Strawbridge and Clothier Store in Philadelphia from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Mrs. Samuel H. P. Read, of Narberth, is the program chairman of this event.

Mrs. Gardine Dean, of Wynnewood, is in charge of the International Folk Dancing and Singing which will be presented by girls from the various districts of the Philadelphia Girl Scout Council.

The Main Line District presents a study will be at 11 A. M. given by Bala-Cynwyd troop 395 and Penn Wynne troop 135.

Brownies, Intermediates and Senior Girl Scouts will participate in 22 living exhibits, perjury activities at the following fields: Arts and Crafts, Community Life, Health and Safety, Homemaking, International Friendship, Literature and Dramatics, Nature, Outdoor Sports and Games, and Music and Dancing.

Narberth Troop 368 of which Mrs. Read is the leader will demonstrate remedies for household injuries at the "Safe at Home" booth. Mrs. Robert Weisman, Assistant Leader, with the help of Mr. Weisman, who is a member of the Medical Corps of Narberth, coached the girls for this exhibit.

Studying First Aid for some time under a Red Cross instructor and after this exhibit will have earned their Junior First Aid Certificates. They will demonstrate the treatment for simple fractures, burns, sprained ankles, wounds, dog bites, poison ivy, sun stroke and poisoning. A running commentary will be read by three girls, taking turns. The girls are: Bonnie Norton, Martha Vogler, Betty Weisman. The girls of the troop exhibiting are: Jane Drennen, Babs Fisher, Dorothy Groff, Nancy Hunsicker, Nancy Hawley, Nancy McCadden, Janet MacLean, Mary McDermott, Barbara Mott, Ellen Ratcliffe, Margaret Robb, Patricia Marie Smith, Joan Wilson.

Mrs. Jack Ford of Penn Valley, a member of the Troop 368, supervised the making of posters by the girls.

As a part of the demonstration, Narberth Troop 90 will take part in "Exterior Decoration," showing the work made by the girls.

Gwen Hunsicker, Carol Gerard, Jean Graham, Anne Carriag, Diane Cuthbert and Jennie L. Gordy will show repairing and mending of clothing, and fancy wrapping for wedding and odd occasional gifts.

Jean Marie Gold, Mary Bartlett, Patsy Stolls, Betty Jane Stewart, Patsy McAnenham and Faith Lull will show Easter gifts and brown paper wrapping for parcel post.

Sally Watson, Martha Metzger, Shirley Binns, Mary Lou Morris, Ann Snyder and Mary Ann Walcott will show birthday gifts and safe packing for fragile articles.

Barbara Johnson, Eleanor Catherman, Bessie Love, Peggy Jean Offenhauer, Betty Feise and Peggy Smith, will show Christmas wrapping and boxing for express.

Mrs. Walter C. Groff, consultant in the Homemaking Field, is the leader of the troop. Assisting her in the preparation of the "Open House," was Mrs. Robert A. Gold, of the troop committee.

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## News of the Men and Women in Service

T/4 William Wimer, formerly of Woodbine Ave., is home on 30 days furlough after spending eight months on Sipan.

Sgt. John Raser, QM, of 30 Woodside Ave., Narberth, is home on 15 days furlough from Camp Lee, Va.

Mrs. Gretchen C. Rittenhouse received her husband's captain's bars, and was notified that he is now Major William Rittenhouse. He received his promotion effective February 8.

Earl J. Roberts, Jr., of Montgomery Court Apts., Narberth, has been promoted to first lieutenant.

Samuel K. White, of 501 Narberth Ave., Merion, has been promoted to captain.

Charles L. McGorry, Jr., of 108 Conway Ave., Narberth, has been promoted to technical sergeant.

William C. Shaner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Shaner, of 207 Wayne Ave., Narberth, has been promoted to Storekeeper (Aviation) second class.

Commander Morton Sunderland, of 327 Llandrillo Rd., Cynwyd, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious performance of duty during the invasion of Normandy, last June. The award was made aboard the USS Quincy, a heavy cruiser.

## D.A.R. Chapter Held Open Meeting Feb. 19

Group Accepts 3 New Members; Hear Dr. J. R. Hart

An open meeting of the Dr. Benjamin Rush Chapter, D. A. R., was held February 19, at the home of the regent, Mrs. Verna D. Woodcock, of Overbrook.

The regent of Valley Forge Memorial Chapel, Dr. John Robinson Hart, was the guest speaker. His subject was, "The Spirit of Unity of Churches." He told those present that 46 bells have been donated to date, from various states as D. A. R. memorials, and placed in the tower.

Regents of several D. A. R. Chapters were guests. Mrs. Mildred W. Layton, Old York Road Chapter; Mrs. Charles Neff, Peter Muhlenberg Chapter; Mrs. N. J. Hooper, Thomas Leiber Chapter; Mrs. Asa M. Lehman, Mellon Chapter; and Mrs. Harry P. Smith, Chester County Chapter. Two other special guests were Mrs. J. Markley Freed, president of the Philadelphia Regent's Club, and Mrs. Alice D. P. Koller, State Chairman of membership.

Piano selections were a part of the entertainment. Duets were played by Mrs. A. B. Wainwright and Mrs. John H. Kliver. Mrs. Wainwright also played several solos.

Mrs. E. Eugene Place, a chapter member of New York, was a guest of the regent.

Mrs. Wayne Burnside, 102 Avon Rd., Narberth; Mrs. James H. Clemmons, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Joseph E. McCall, Jr., of Wynnewood were accepted by the Chapter.

Members assisting the hostess were Mrs. John S. McGowan, Mrs. E. Eugene Place, and Mrs. George U. Harvott. Mrs. Eugene B. Hoskins and Mrs. Place served at the tea table.

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## Club Women Meet Feb. 20

Hear Talk on War Fund Drive; 5 Members Welcomed

At the meeting of the Narberth Community Club, held Tuesday, Mrs. Robie M. Evans, chairman of Publicity of the Ardmore Branch of the Red Cross, gave a short talk on the Red Cross War Fund Drive, scheduled to open March 1.

Mrs. Evans also introduced two junior Red Cross members to the club.

Mrs. William H. Durbin issued a plea for volunteer workers to pack Red Cross recreation chests at the Ardmore Branch March 1, at 10 A. M.

An announcement of an International Relations meeting to be held February 27 at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, at 10:30 A. M., was made by Mrs. Lewis G. Crater. Corea will be the subject of the lecture.

Mrs. E. C. Griswold, membership chairman welcomed five new club members: Mrs. Thomas W. Blake, Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, Mrs. W. J. Donohue, and Mrs. Wayne Burnside.

Funds received from the Home Made Food Sale on January 16, have amounted to over \$80. Mrs. Joseph H. Miller, project committee chairman, announced.

